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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HUDSON ET AL.

Examiner

Lars A Olson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11252003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-5 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haller et al. (US 6,065,421).

Haller et al. discloses the same kayak as claimed, as shown in Figures 1-5, that is comprised of a bottom member, defined as Part #26, for engaging a surface of a body of water, said bottom member being further comprised of at least one inflatable member, defined as Part #34, with a plurality of inflatable tubes, as shown in Figure 2, a side member, defined as Part #19, that is attached to and extends substantially perpendicularly from said bottom member, as shown in Figure 5, said side member and said bottom member defining an enclosure, defined as Part #18, and a means for providing access to said enclosure, as shown in Figures 1 and 2. A seam, defined as Part #27, is located between said side member and said bottom member, and is covered by a binding tape, defined as Part #31, as shown in Figure 5. A foldable seat, defined as Part #41, a plurality of handles, defined as Part #52, a waterproof cover or splash skirt, defined as Part #48, and a zipper, defined as Part #49, for controlling access to said enclosure are also provided on said kayak.

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Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 16-20 are allowed.
4. Claims 6-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Simpson (US 6,539,889), Haller et al. (US 6,223,678), Szilagyi (US 5,299,524), Neumann et al. (US 4,031,580) and Lewis (US 2,999,253) disclose various inflatable kayaks with bottom and side members that together define an enclosure. Haller (US D465,447), Metzger et al. (US D464,602) and Haller et al. (US D427,561) disclose ornamental designs for inflatable kayaks.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Lars Olson whose telephone number is (703) 308-9807.

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June 29, 2004

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PATENT EXAMINER

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